

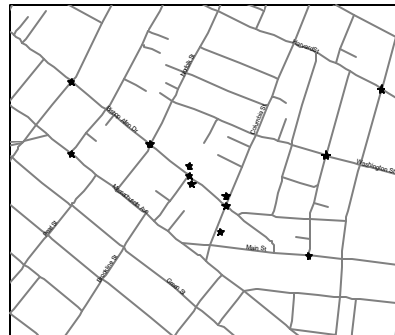
# Chronological Highlights

**January** ~ *First murder of 2001 committed by John Forbes of Roxbury*

## Roxbury Man Charged in Daughter's Death Held Without Bail

Shortly before 2:30 p.m. on January 7, 2001, Cambridge police and fire units responded to an apartment in Jefferson Park. When officers arrived, they found an eleven-month-old baby lying on the bed unresponsive and not breathing. The baby was transported to the hospital, but later died. The father of the baby stated that the baby choked on an orange peel, but the autopsy determined that she had suffered brain and eye hemorrhaging consistent with "shaken baby" syndrome.

**February** ~ *The on-going pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles in Area 4 re-emerges*



Area 4 is plagued by an on-going pattern of larcenies from motor vehicles. It sometimes lays dormant, but never ceases to exist. In February it re-emerged in the area of Bishop Allen Dr., near Norfolk Street.

Incidents were concentrated between 7:00 and 9:30 p.m.

**March** ~ *Housebreaks between the 250 and 350 block of Harvard Street surge*



The heavy concentration of housebreaks between 250 and 350 Harvard Street helped feed the significant increase reported in the Mid-Cambridge neighborhood. Breaks typically occurred during the week, between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Entry was gained by forcing either the front or rear door to an apartment. Once inside, the burglars often ransacked the victim's belongings and took items such as computers, jewelry, and other electronics.

**April** ~ *Career criminal arrested again for breaking into cars in Area 4*



A career criminal who resides in Area 4 was arrested on April 17<sup>th</sup> after he was observed by detectives breaking into a car parked on Essex Street, near Massachusetts Avenue. Detectives observed him coming out of his apartment building, looking suspicious, glancing inside nearby cars. Carrion was carrying a bag, which he discarded, except for one object inside that he kept to break into a nearby Jeep.

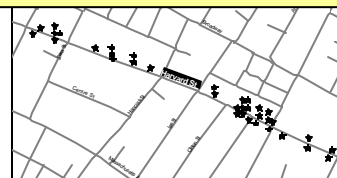
**May** ~ *Hotel thief arrested*



For two weeks the Radisson Hotel on Memorial Drive reported that an unknown suspect was breaking into the hotel's locked storage area and stealing beer and expensive champagne. Detectives conducted surveillance and waited for the suspect, who was caught on the hotel's surveillance tape. David Lowe, a Cambridge resident, was then seen entering the loading dock and breaking into the storage area. He was later arrested as he tried to flee the scene. A total of 23 cases of beer and 7 bottles of expensive champagne were taken.

**June** ~ *Mid-Cambridge reports the beginning of a mid-summer surge in housebreaks*

Housebreaks typically peak during the summer months. Mid-Cambridge reported a surge of daytime breaks on weekdays between 10:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m.



Again in this pattern, the 250 to 350 block of Harvard Street dominate the numbers. Stolen items included CDs, jewelry, and laptops.

# July ~ December, 2001

**July** ~ *OxyContin robberies explode to the forefront of drug activity*

10 10mg 20 20mg 40 40mg 80 80mg\*



OxyContin made national news this year due to a series of drug store robberies reported nation-wide. These robberies were fueled by the high price that the drug demands on the street and its powerfully addictive high. Locally, two waves of robberies were reported: the first driven by the greed of dealers and the second driven by the desperation of users. Fortunately, Cambridge only reported one incident at the CVS in West Cambridge.

**August** ~ *A series of robberies by an overnight robber who tackles his victims*



In the first two weeks of August seven victims reported being attacked in the late night/early morning hours. While the incidents seemed spaced out across the City, each victim gave the same description of the suspect.

The suspect was aggressive and tackling or punching his victim before demanding money, as well as a cell phone or a beeper. In several cases, the victim reported that the suspect brandished a knife.

**September** ~ *The events of September 11<sup>th</sup> shock the nation and breathe fear into the hearts of Americans*



With the events of September 11<sup>th</sup> and the Anthrax scare that followed, people feared for their safety. In the two months following the attack on the World Trade Center, Cambridge Police Department answered 150 calls for service relating to the events. We are proud to report that few hate related crimes were reported due to the tragedy.

**October** ~ *West Cambridge reports a tight cluster of housebreaks*



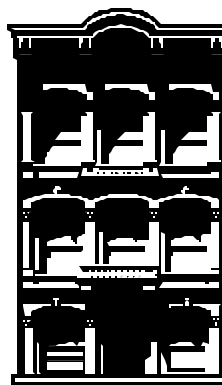
West Cambridge reported a pattern of late week housebreaks during this month. Entry was gained via windows or open doors and items of value such as jewelry and silverware were targeted. Breaks typically occurred between 4:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. This pattern came to an end after a Somerville man was arrested.

**November** ~ *A violent rampage begins with the murder of a young woman and ends with the arrest of six individuals*



On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, six men were arrested in Cambridge after they kidnapped a man at gunpoint from Harvard Square. The men then robbed the man and told him that he was to kill for them. When police stopped them they found several weapons in the car, including a bloody knife. The knife and the six men were later linked to the brutal murder of a young woman, whose body was found in the Charles River the same day.

**December** ~ *Housebreaks in Area 4 and Inman/Harrington keep totals rising for the year*



A tight cluster of housebreaks was reported at multi-unit apartment buildings in the Area 4 and Inman/Harrington neighborhoods. Incidents were typically reported between 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. and between 2:00 and 7:00 a.m. Entry was gained in the afternoon breaks by forcing a door and in the early morning breaks, thieves entered through a window.